

Owl Class

Welcome back!

Our learning theme for this half term is...

Why do oceans matter?

Most of our learning will be linked to our main theme, although some subjects i.e. Maths, will continue to be taught separately.

In English, children will focus on persuasive writing and speaking. They will explore the issue of plastic pollution in the ocean, learning to organise ideas clearly, give reasons and examples, and use vocabulary suitable for their audience.

We will also focus on our punctuation and grammar skill while continuing to develop their spelling skills, focusing on words ending in -ual, -ually, -able, -ible, -ary, -ery, -ory, -eous, and -ious.

In Maths, we will extend their understanding of fractions, decimals, and percentages, including equivalent fractions and decimals, thousandths, and rounding. We will also learn to calculate perimeter and area, and interpret data from line graphs, tables, and timetables.

Links to Prior Learning

This topic builds on pupils' previous learning about Ancient Egypt and Ancient Rome. Children will compare Ancient Greece with earlier civilisations, exploring similarities and differences in beliefs, daily life, leadership, and lasting achievements, helping them deepen their understanding of how ancient societies shaped the modern world.

Reminders:

Please can your child bring their reading book to school every day. We will spend a little time reading on most days and the pupils will be able to change their books when needed.

PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays. On Thursdays we will be focussing on yoga and on Fridays we will be learning to play golf.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break times, we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to promote a healthy diet.

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During science, we will explore forces and movement in the ocean. We will investigate gravity, air and water resistance.

We will study the ocean and its importance in geography. We will learn how the ocean is part of the water cycle, how people use it, identify key features such as the Great Barrier Reef, and explore ways to protect and improve ocean environments

For art, we will study Katsushika Hokusai's *The Great Wave*. We will explore line, shape, movement, colour, and texture to represent waves, then plan and create our own wave.

How to support your child at home:

Working in partnership is important to us and makes such a difference to your child's progress. We would like to make sure that all children are completing their 'home learning'.

- Reading each day - recording their reading activity in their reading journal.
- Practise your current set of spellings and or the statutory spellings.
- Practise times tables frequently - focus on any your child struggles with. You can use Timetable Rock Stars or Hit the Button for this. You can also use any other methods your child enjoys.

Dates for your diary:

World Book Day – 5th March

Science Week – 9th March